THE COTTON TAX. There is reason in roasting eggs." i- alive egg is rendered more nutritions e: the means nor appliances to have the thing well done. It is calculated by those i; the Government upon the cotton g own and gathered in the Southern s ates during the post-bellum years, 1866 1 57 and 1868, amounts in the gross to me eighty millions of dollars! Here's a golden egg, large and tempting enough t excite the cupidity of every patriot 1 the land-to awaken the honest ind quation of every unsuccessful seeker the modern fashionable plea, when dealers." of his fortune in that valley of diamonds, the Congress of the United to ply weak-kneed, weak-minded, but S nies. Far be it from us to render ourselves amenable to scan, mag., or to ins: muate in the remotest degree that the potent, grave and reverend (?) seniors," wrong, seem to break the scales of jusv.ho, in a day or two, will sit in solemn tire and startle the whole community! c inclave in Washington deliberating on We have heard lawyers laugh at the the first Tuesday after the third Monday the affairs of the nation, are not -as regards honesty-above susplcion; for "they are all honorable men." "We cossfully for the public good this jurywill not wrong such honorable men;" s ill we insist that this cotton tax of quire the rule above suggested. In Enge ghty odd millions is a dangerous temp- land it has obtained for centuries. That A so-Called Haunted House-The Place tation to lead these honorable gentle- no harm may happen, the courts always men into. New it is no secret that an stand ready to invoke Executive elem-"Association," potential in numbers ency in cases where innocence may sufand influence, has been in case for four fer. We have not noticed all the recomyears with a view to the procurement of mendations made by the judges in convention, and cannot now do so, in consean act of Congress refunding this tax to -whom? To the cotton-growers, of quence of the length of this article. We course; to the men whose honest toil will print them hereafter, and call the and sweaty travail coined it special attention of our representatives from the earth and paid it to the to them, with the earnest hope that the of a "haunted house" is a very startling Government out of the cotton planted, present Legislature may thoroughly Government out of the cotton planted, present Legislature may thoroughly that such a thing actually exists in their picked and baled with their own hands. canvass them and be impressed with own midst, we hope their blood will not So far so good. We do not propose to their sense of right and justice as our discuss the question whether this tax Judiciary have been after years of obexpect the bill refunding this tax will bondage of our grinding taxation. pass during the present or the incoming has been operative to this end during tue last session of the present Congress. That pressure will culminate at the asand we have good grounds for believing sister State of Arkansas. It was a short pants of the house utter not a word build out of this act a monument to the the bill for the relief of the sufferers by way tried to meet one of its occupa

benefited by this measure, are not, it is ton, and in a spirit which reminds us of well known, much of book-keepers. his infamous October speech of 1868, ad-They may not have preserved the writ- vocates a "general measure that would ten evidence of their having paid the apply to all alike, the poor and the upon which the tax was paid. In these smile-a smile, too, if not like Ah Sin's. and like cases it would be only justice Pchildlike and bland," is good-humored. sold the cotton, the desired information people were touched with the "quality from their books, upon application of of mercy," that people live in the Southlegal remedy by a bill of discovery or a hope in the mercy of a beneficent God rifle. writ of subpone duces tecon, the ex- that it is for the former. The people of grined he returned to his bed. his claim to a defeat, and be in effect a day even the carpetbagger, if he only benefits of the proposed bill, because we fellowship. This assumed ostracism a certain lynx-eyed class of cotton vul- carpethaggens, or the hangers-on and to meet them unawares. tures, who expect to have their egg parasites of those political mendicants. tures, who expect to have their egg parasites of those pointest membranes, sound broke upon his ear save the tick-related to suit their own peculiar taste. The men who came South after the war ing of the old clock. He retraced his E. and, when cooked, propose to give only to enrich themselves by political trick- steps, retired-everything was silent as the indigestible albumen to the poor cry, cheating black and white ones alike, the grave. An hour elapsed; drowsiness farmer and small planter, while they were properly driven out of respectable themselves sumptuously partake of the society; but the enterprising man—no house shook as if by a tremendous matter where he hallest from who rich and nourishing vitellus. Gentlemen matter where he hailed from-who earthquake, and muffled sounds were

erument of certain Commissioners is another

the legislation needed to relieve us of tode. But let that pass. In curling-irons and even unnecessary tax burdens. The cost of boarding juries is an item of expense that might in some cases be dispensed liberal Catholic spirit, the ever gener-or intruders, be it mortal or spirit. Gaindollars per day to board a jury. The him up," praised, toasted and caressed complete survey of the premises, but could see no trace of the departed, what? would be likely to consult the attorneys political forecast his soubriquet of "At- place, and so entirely vain, more mystiin the case, and if satisfied that no harm tila of the carpetbaggers" suffered him fied than ever these incredulous people would befall the defendant from the separation of a jury, might permit the people and be now their chosen it, and in doing so would leader and chief, saving them from the save thousands of dollars to the bitter oppression which his subsequent State and county. To keep a jury to-gether and board them for a day or so, brave and magnanimous people of un-brave and magnanimous people of un-county. But he want back in some little larceny case about which fortunate Arkansas. But he went back rat-a-tat-tat do not trouble themselves the jury never heard until the indict- on his October pledges, violated all law to investigate. The back-parlor seems ment was read, is an expensive fully. of God and man, and entered the Sen- to be the rooms where these spirits We think it is a good provision to let them separate, the judge using a sound discretion in the matter. The while reading his speech, grasping like of various colors are seen passing and judges recommend that, in ac hungry men at the crumbs of comfort re-passing the windows, and music tions of replevin, the defendant, upon giving bond, be allowed to keep the property until the termination of the suit.

Sometiment at the crumes of comfort and pleasing is heard floating on the air, through the hall and gallery. Each night the rooms are left in order, but williams, van Buren, or longs, McDowell & CO. That is right. As the law now is, any strolling vagabond here can make affidation wit before some magistrate that you have wit before some magistrate that you have with threshold to await even the "vilest sinhis horse, give bond, too frequently not per." We simply say to the Arkausas have been mysteriously lighted and as worth the paper on which it is written, take the horse, cross the river, and return no more. Why not leave the horse pland your new departure, and out of in the possession of the desendant and the abundance of their magnanimity.

Senator stand firmly, now, in your new mysteriously put out. Two servants are employed, but neither can be induced to sleep within the walls of this, the "Haunted House." One openly ne-knowledges that her room is full of spir-

a workhouse. Let them be nired out to more needed than Grant's grand scheme view the occupants, and disclose more parties who will take them and work of canals from Maine to Mexico. Honest facts? ly better than supporting them in a fine for the milk in the cocoanut. be worsted. Such a law would not su- "Could the entire crop of cotton be con- are not serious. It was so dark at the percede the existing laws, but would verted into yarns at the South, and time that Mr. Cavanaugh was not able only be an additional method of dispos- shipped abroad in that form, it would add to recognize the thief. ing of such offenders. While it might one hundred and fifty thousand dollars A Mrs. Brock, residing in Sweetwater be impracticable in some counties, by annually to the wealth of this portion of was found dead in her bed on Wednes

in the recommendation of the judges, thus converted, it would be a great blesswe think the proof in favor of insanity ing to this country, and enable numin criminal cases should at least be pre- bers of women and children who are MORNING, JAN. 7, 1878, ponderating before the defense should now dependent upon others to support avail. Now it is recognized, though far themselves." below this if it generate a reasonable

teluding plea. Many of the States re

TOR CLAYTON.

MR. E. J. DONNELL, in his Chronodoubt. While philosophically this may Sorums the proverb, and when your leg- be correct, yet it is a defense so easily logical and Statistical History of Cotton. perverted and so liable to abuse that just published in New Yerk, gives these 338 Front, cor. Union St. to rousting, there will be wanting neith- great strictness should be required in its interesting facis; "From small beginestablishment. The great difficulty lies nings, the cotton trade has grown to be a this, that juries fail to draw the disproject in fiscal statistics that the three tinction between reasonable and possible and in the United States, it is estimated doubts. The very nature of the defense that a total of seven million bales of coturged, too, is calculated to awaken symposity in the bosoms of weak-minded, gold, is now consumed every year. By p r cent. cotton tax, so unjustly levied doubts. The very nature of the defense that a total of seven million bales of cotresolute jurors, as they are too willing the various sources of manufacture, this construe unusual habits and eccen- raw material is increased in value six icities into abnormal conditions of per cent., leaving a given total of two mind, and turn loose again upon the billion dollars over and above the cost community red-handed murderers. of production, to be divided among merinpulsive or emotional insanity is chants, shippers, manufacturers and

thers are wanting, with which By request, we will to-morrow publis it may be, well-intentioned jurors, and Chancellor Cooper's opinion, recently from them win verdicts which often- delivered, on the power of Chancery times, by the very weight of their Courts to incorporate companies.

THE Mississippl Legislature meets on redulity and folly of the very juries be- in January, 1873, being the twenty-fin fore whom they had argued but too suc- instant

A CASE FOR FOSTER.

for the First Seauce.

Rats or Chosta? If the Latter, "Why?" Apples, Cheese, New Buckwheat,

EGITORS APPEAL-Perhaps the idea revelation to some, but when they lear

table Case of Mystery to Clear Up.

Near the end of - street, ther should be refunded or not. We deem servation and experience, and we fur-looking house, which has gained quite a lin the question settled in the affirmative thermore include the hope that they notorious name as the "Haunted long age, not only by the press of the may become incorporated in the juriscountry but by the undivided public prudence of the State. If so, we feel deaths, which, to the ignorant and su perstitious, is confirmation strong; opinion of the people, of which the that our present law-givers will have has had several tenants, each in turn press is the exponent. To us it required inaugurated reforms, from which will discovering frightful noises, annoying no argument, deeming as we did, and flow into our borders more peace, more rappings, stealthy footsteps, and warndo, the said tax wrong ab initia. We blessings, and more freedom from the ing voices. As these things disclose ord, have beat a hasty retreat. The longress. An extraordinary pressure a CRUMB OF COMPORT FROM SENA- city, and probably have not heard of the neighbors on each side are cognizant of the facts (?) in the case. They often Clayton's speech in the Senate, la week, "dropped like the gentle rain whisper among themselves combling of Congress after the recess, from heaven" upon the people of our "spiritual visitations," but to the occ that the passage of the act is a foregone and well-considered effusion, delivered place I have gleaned what I relate of conclusion. Now if Congress desires to during the debate in the Senate upon these manifestations. I have in ever sense of justice and patriotism of the men who passed it, let them not so Arkansian Attilla, the Senator assumes vacant, and in charge of 1871 the house was hedge it in with red tape formality, and the graceful position of a Southern man, the absurd requirements of the circum- and in pointed English protests against locution office, that the people who are Congress extending relief to "large and to large and the circumstant of the c for in the house. She had her MOTES, entitled to its benefits will grow sick of prosperous and powerful communities, proving their claim, and in despair turn gathered together in cities," who have but she paid but little attention to them, the whole matter over to rapacious been visited by the flery angel of desthinking it must be rats. When the claim agents, who will reap the benefit truction, while withholding assistance of the measure at last. We understand the binary of Arkansas, Mississippi and Loudines, but paid no attention to it, sunderstand the binary of the states of Arkansas, Mississippi and Loudines, but paid no attention to it, sunderstand the binary of the states and that the appointment by the Gov- islana, who, annually visited by posing the noise was in the cook's room agency of destruction who had company, perhaps. The next

provided for, whose duty it will be to —the overflowing of the Mississippi— said the noises were not in her room—as claimant is properly heard. But what we cle of all their hopes, everything with repeated during the week, but as the furwish to impress upon Congress is the ne- which they expect to clothe and feed niture was loose in the lower story, noises were thought to arise from either rats or the little dog jumping over and cessity of simplifying the proof in each their wives and families, swept away by case. We trust that parol evidence will the resistless waves of that great river," be admitted in every case without a very stringent application of the rule of evidence requiring the production of the election returner of the carpetbag-ridden no more, but they were mistaken. One night, so certain were they that some best evidence the case in its nature is State of Arkansas is properly in favor of one was trying to force the shutters open so sceptible of. The farmers and small a policy not so one-sided as that which down stairs, that the gentleman went planters, who are the men most to be sends lavish relief to Chicago and Bos- out on the back gallery, armed, and alled for the cook to open her door to see if site could discover any one trying chts, but found nothing, not even a ten evidence of their having paid the apply to all saise, the pool and the fax—the receipt or vencher of the internal Revenue Agent—or they may not strong, and the many and the fax—the receipt or vencher of the internal Revenue Agent—or they may not strong, and the many and the even have the cotton returns, showing great. We say this short speech of the weight and number of the bales Clayton has caused all Arkansas to ride and pistol, determined to search The Celebrated Hackett Grate out the cause of these annoying dis-turbances. With scant clothing, more and like cases it would be only justice problidike and bland," is good-humored, ghostly than anything he would likely to require, under oath of the factors who encouraging and charitable. If ever a meet, he flew through the house, peer-

the claimant, without forcing him to his ern States, for weal or for woe, let us vent his wrath by the contents of his true hill of discovery or a home in the mercy of a beneficent God rifle. His search was useless, and chaghts passed in quiet, but not long wer pense and delay of which might subject the South cannot bear malice, and todenial of justice. We make this appeal half behaves himself, clasps hands with earthly character were heard, as if comin behalf of the real parties entitled to the the Southern white man in the best of the gent arose, to find if possible where hese groans came from; and armed is know there are great expectations among us ver extended to men who were not the teeth, adown the stairs he thought But silence reigned supreme; not a Craft & Scal

of Congress, for the reputation of our common country, let not this, too, be another "put-up job."

sought the South as a fair field of honest distinctly heard by all who were thoroughly aroused by the shock and fright, as of leaves being blown swiftly through the house by fitful gusts of moaning wind. The family were eagerly, trem-We continue and conclude to-day our suggestions touching law reform, and fiercely, with less patience and forti--this search being joined by all on the

with. It costs from twelve to fifteen our people of Arkansas at once "took ing courage at every step, they made a under the control of the court as a greated.

Another suggestion was that petty offenders be farmed out in the absence of general system of levees. They are Cannot some medium or "local" interpolation and spirit among the mature of the house, would it not be a capital place for a scance. They are Cannot some medium or "local" interpolation.

them until their time of imprisonment old "rebs," who have lost many a cool About five o'clock Friday morning, expires, and until they pay all costs, in-cluding the cost of guarding them; their sissippi river, will mollify their male-siding on Temperance Hill, Knoxville, ending the cost of guarding them; their sayapprices, and think of you with gentle dictions, and think of you with gentle dictions, and think of you with gentle dictions, when he discovered a negro commissioners who would have charge of feelings. Besides, you own a plantation ing out of his smokehouse carrying a them a certain price per day for their in Arkansas subject to overflow, and supply of the winter bacon. Mr. Chyansas revices. Let them make bricks, or this may comfort you in the event of augh immediately seized the thie and called loudly for help. But the rascal was too determined to allow himself to 224-MAIN STREET. 224 be arrested, for he used a knife on hi jail at eighteen dollars per month. Instead of being, as now, a heavy expense, they might become a source of revenue. A contemporary makes the suggestive statement, worthy this attention of the secaped with his booty. Mr. Cavanaugh was severely cut in the head and about the body, but fortunately his wounds

reason of the fewness of offenders, or the United States. Foreign mills would day morning. The woman had been for other reasons, if would be perfectly adapt their machinery to working up practicable for others to adopt the system. The years listed of the raw cotton. Though nothing was said on the subject If but one-quarter of the crop could be of her death.

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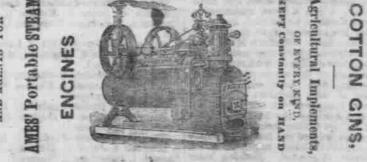
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